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Area Agency on Aging Seeks Request for Senior Services

St. Joseph, Michigan.....Region IV Area Agency on Aging announces the “Request for Proposals” (RFP) process to deliver services to older adults (aged 60+) and caregivers for fiscal years 2023 through 2025, is now open. Federal and state funds for three-year contracts will be available for contracting to agencies and organizations serving Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties.

Services available for FY2023 are Adult Day Care, Caregiver Training (Powerful Tools for Caregivers), Congregate and Home Delivered Meals, Creating Confident Caregivers®, Legal Assistance, Respite Chore, and Transportation.

“While Region IV Area Agency on Aging (RIV AAA) is known for providing resources and services for our area’s older adults and individuals with disabilities, we also have a larger role in our community to create an infrastructure that addresses unmet needs and gaps in services that may exist,” explains RIV AAA Chief Operating Officer, Theresa Uhrich. “Since those needs are always evolving, we conduct a community needs assessment using population health data from our health and community partners and through listening sessions and surveys with older adults, their families, caregivers, and health and community-based organizations. Doing so enables us to identify those gaps and receive input directly from stakeholders about the most effective ways to utilize dollars provided locally through our agency from the Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA) and the Federal Older American’s Act. This process has brought important services to our area such as Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Care and other vital services to older adults and their caregivers.

The Request for Proposal and Minimum Service Standards are available on the Area Agency on Aging website www.AreaAgencyonAging.org/proposal-requests/ or copies may be picked up at the Area Agency on Aging offices at 2900 Lakeview in St. Joseph upon request. Copies may also be received by electronically by sending an email request to Yolanda Mendez yolandamendez@areaagencyonaging.org. The deadline for RFP’s is March 6, 2022 at 5pm.

A Pre-proposal Conference for interested entities will be held virtually on Monday, February 14th, at 9am. To register visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org. For more information about the RFP process contact RIV AAA Community Services Director, Yolanda Mendez, at 269-982-7754 or by email at yolandamendez@areaagencyonaging.org.

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Region IV Area Agency on Aging is a non-profit organization offering comprehensive and coordinated services to assist older persons and other vulnerable adults in maintaining independence in their homes and communities.